

Remarks

The applicant thanks the examiner for allowing claims 14-26, and indicating allowance of claims 8-12 if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of claim 1. Claims 2-4 and 13 have been amended to depend on claim 8. Claims 5-7 depend on claim 4. Claims 9 and 10 depend on claim 8.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of claim 1. Claim 12 depend on claim 11.

The rejections to claims 1-7 and 13 are moot in view of the claim cancellation and amendments.

Cancelled claims have been cancelled without prejudice. Any circumstance in which the applicant has addressed certain comments of the examiner does not mean that the applicant concedes other comments of the examiner. Any circumstance in which the applicant has made arguments for the patentability of some claims does not mean that there are not other good reasons for patentability of those claims and other claims. Any circumstance in which the applicant has amended a claim does not mean that the applicant concedes any of the examiner's positions with respect to that claim or other claims.

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